

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete originally filed Paragraph [0033] in its entirety and insert the following therefor:

-- In a further embodiment, a check valve 13 and following this in the direction of flow of the air path according to arrow A, an inlet valve 14 is arranged to the ambient air, e.g. via a further pipe. In the example described above, the check valve 13 is open and the inlet valve 14 closed so that only air is sucked from the washing container 2 by the fan 9. By completely or partly closing the check valve 13 and completely or partly opening the inlet valve 14, ambient air is completely or partly extracted by the fan 9 and fed into the washing container via the pipe 7 and the inlet 8. For this purpose the washing container requires an outlet (not shown) so that this air from the surroundings can be released back to the surroundings again. --